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In re Application of:

I. Lawrence GREENFIELD

Serial No.: 09/724,613

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS AND
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS
AND PROTEASES

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AMENDMENT

Applicant now responds to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002. The period for reply has been extended for two (2) months by the Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and extension fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 88-113 as follows:

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